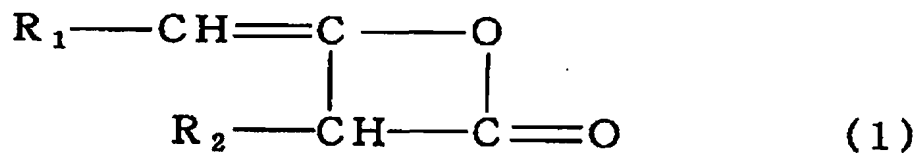


**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (Currently amended) A newsprint paper having a static friction coefficient in the range of 0.44-0.74 produced by applying a coating solution containing an alkenyl ketene dimer represented by general formula 1 below and a paper surface-modifying agent on a newsprint base paper and drying the base paper, wherein the newsprint base paper is a neutralized newsprint base paper containing 50% by weight or more of deinked pulp, and light calcium carbonate having an average particle diameter of 1.0 to ~~4.9  $\mu$ m~~ 4.0  $\mu$ m as a filler in an amount of 1% to 30% by weight based on the weight of the base paper,



wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> represent an unsaturated hydrocarbon group containing 8-30 carbon atoms.

2. (Original) The newsprint paper of claim 1 wherein a weight ratio of said alkenyl ketene dimer to said paper surface-modifying agent is 1/100 - 30/100.

Claims 3-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) The newsprint paper of claim 1, which does not contain an anti-slip agent.

13. (Previously presented) The newsprint paper of claim 1, wherein the paper surface-modifying agent is a starch.

14. (Previously presented) The newsprint paper of claim 1, wherein the paper surface-modifying agent is selected from the group consisting of oxidized starches, etherified starches, and esterified starched.